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Serial No.: 10/028,040 ) Examiner: Duy Deo  
Confirmation No.: 2997 ) Docket No. 150.01140101  
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For: METHODS FOR PLANARIZATION OF GROUP VIII METAL-CONTAINING SURFACES USING COMPLEXING AGENTS

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the materials enclosed herewith are brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly being of interest in connection with the above-identified patent application. Per M.P.E.P. § 609, the information cited in the present Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information is, or is considered to be, material to patentability. Consideration of each of the documents listed on the attached 1449 form is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. §609, Applicants further request that a copy of the 1449 form, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next Official Communication.

Applicants also wish to bring the Examiner's attention to the following pending U.S. Applications, as well as any documents, Office Actions that may include rejections of similar claims, and any provisional U.S. patent applications referenced in the pending U.S. applications or in their file wrappers. A copy of each of the below-listed pending U.S. Patent Applications is provided herewith.

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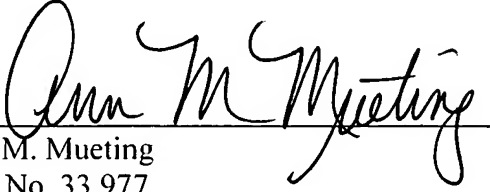
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial	Copy Enclosed	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If Appropriate
	X	6,069,080	05/30/00	James et al.			
	X	6,110,830	08/29/00	Skrovan et al.			
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	X	US 2002/0050322 A1	05/02/02	Kunisawa et al.			
	X	US 2002/0151177 A1	10/17/02	Cherian et al.			
	X	US 2002/0039839 A1	04/04/02	Thomas et al.			

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